

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. An absorbent article having a stroking direction, a body facing surface, and an opposite clothing facing surface, the article comprising:
  - 3 a topsheet on the body facing surface;
  - 4 a backsheet on the clothing facing surface; and
  - 5 an absorbent core between the topsheet and the backsheet;
  - 6 wherein the topsheet is a three-dimensional vacuum formed film having a plurality of apertures extending from the body facing surface towards the absorbent core, the apertures defining stroking direction lands aligned with the stroking direction and transverse lands on the body facing surface aligned transverse to the stroking direction, the stroking direction lands being raised from the transverse lands by a distance of about 11 15 $\mu$  to about 145 $\mu$ .
1. 2. The article of claim 1 wherein the transverse lands are recessed by a distance of about 2 20 $\mu$  to about 45 $\mu$ .
1. 3. The article of claim 1 wherein the stroking direction lands include a microtexture on the 2 body facing surface.
1. 4. The article of claim 3 wherein the microtexture is a plurality of elongated microridges 2 having a length and width, and the length is greater than the width.
1. 5. The article of claim 4 wherein the lengths are generally aligned with the stroking 2 direction.
1. 6. The article of claim 1 wherein a plurality of the apertures define a boat shape cell near the 2 body facing surface.
1. 7. The article of claim 1 having a Silky Tactile Impression Rating of about 5 or less.
1. 8. The article of claim 2 having a Silky Tactile Impression Rating of about 5 or less.
1. 9. The article of claim 3 having a Silky Tactile Impression Rating of about 5 or less.
1. 10. The article of claim 4 having a Silky Tactile Impression Rating of about 5 or less.

- 1      11. The article of claim 5 having a Silky Tactile Impression Rating of about 5 or less.
- 1      12. The article of claim 6 having a Silky Tactile Impression Rating of about 5 or less.

- 1        13. A vacuum formed film topsheet for an absorbent article, the topsheet comprising:
  - 2                an upper, body facing, surface and an opposite lower surface;
  - 3                apertures defining lands on the upper surface and tips on the lower surface, the
  - 4                apertures extending from lands on the upper surface to the tips on the lower surface;
  - 5                the lands comprising stroking direction lands aligned substantially with a stroking
  - 6                direction and transverse lands aligned substantially transverse to a stroking direction, the
  - 7                stroking direction lands being raised relative to the transverse direction land by a distance
  - 8                greater than about  $15\mu$  and less than about  $145\mu$  to create a silky tactile impression.
- 1        14. The topsheet of claim 13 wherein the stroking direction lands are raised by a distance  
2                greater than about  $20\mu$  and less than about  $45\mu$ .
- 1        15. The topsheet of claim 13 wherein the stroking direction lands have a microtexture to  
2                increase the silky tactile impression.
- 1        16. The topsheet of claim 15 wherein the microtexture comprises a plurality of microridges  
2                having a length and a width, the length being greater than the width.
- 1        17. The topsheet of claim 16 wherein the lengths are generally aligned with the stroking  
2                direction.
- 1        18. The topsheet of claim 13 wherein the apertures define a boat shape cell near the body  
2                facing surface.
- 1        19. The topsheet of claim 13 having a Silky Tactile Impression Rating of about 5 or less.
- 1        20. The topsheet of claim 15 having a Silky Tactile Impression Rating of about 5 or less.